

Dear Potential Project Sponsor:

You are invited to participate in an exciting newly developed AmeriCorps program—Tribal Civilian Community Corps (TCCC). Our purpose is to accomplish productive work that addresses critical community needs and to enhance the skills needed by young adults to succeed in the future. Participants of TCCC are young adults, ages 17-26, who are committed to serving our nation's communities while performing highly demanding, and challenging work for a minimum of 10 months.

The success of the corps will depend on a strong partnership with organizations like yours. The corps will provide you groups of well-supervised young adults who are disciplined and eager to work. In return, sponsoring organizations will provide projects that channel the corps members' energies and capabilities into productive work.

A few examples of projects that other AmeriCorps programs have completed in the past include:

- ◆ **Environment** - construction of urban trail ways, restoration of historic public buildings, development of community gardens, and conversion of vacant city lots to public parks, playing fields and community resource centers.
- ◆ **Education** – helping students reading and writing below the national average gain self-confidence and the ability to pass on to the next grade, implementing and supporting after school programs, teaching computer technology and promoting adult literacy.
- ◆ **Human Needs** – building low-income housing in urban and rural areas, working with developmentally disabled individuals, stocking and distributing food to needy families, and assisting homeless and displaced women to become self-sufficient.
- ◆ **Public Safety** – working with programs to prepare youth offenders for positive reintegration into communities, helping to establish neighborhood watch groups, installing smoke detectors in low income and elderly homes, and performing wildfire mitigation

In seeking organizations to serve as work sponsors for the corps, we're looking for projects that range as widely as those described above, offer opportunities for corps members to learn skills, and do not displace existing workers. Projects may be as short as four weeks or last several months. In addition, project sponsors must provide technical supervision. Such supervision includes, for example, identification of the procedures used by the agency for completion of tasks and ensuring that all materials and supplies are available on the project start date.

The Tribal Civilian Community Corps will organize the work for accomplishment by the corps, each consisting of no more than 10 corps members. Crew supervisors will be

hired by the Corps, will work alongside corps members and have overall responsibility for enforcing discipline and ensuring high standards in the quality and quantity of work produced. Wages of both crew supervisors and corps members will be the responsibility of the Corps.

If you are interested in having your organization become a project sponsor, please indicate your interest by completing the Service Project Application-Part One with this letter. Please return the form(s) to the address shown.

If you have any questions about the corps or the Service Project Application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julia Dean
Project Manager

Enclosure: Service Project Application Part One